(b) A total no. of 137747 schools have been sanctioned under SSA from 2001 to 2005 and 109642 schools have been opened till December, 2004.

During 2001-04 a total of 535203 posts of elementary teachers have been sanctioned against which 310506 posts have been filled in that period under SSA.

Development of vocational and professional training institutes

2073. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any National Action Plan for expansion and development of vocational and professional training institutes;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) whether Government are implementing this plan; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI): (a) to (d) The overall expansion and development of Education including Technical and Vocational Education is based on the National Education Policy-1986 and its Programme of Action, 1992 and provisions of the National Common Minimum Programme. All these documents have already been made public.

Training centres for women

2074. SHRI E.M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposal for setting up of various types of training centres exclusively for women in Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) Government's reactions thereto; and

(d) the details of the other schemes formulated for the upliftment of women in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) to (c) The Department is not concerned with setting up of training centres exclusively for women.

However, project proposals are received under Swawlamban and STEP Schemes for training and skill upgradation of women, necessary arrangement for which is made by the implementing agency once the project is sanctioned.

(d) Other Schemes for upliftment of women in Tamil Nadu are:

(i) **Short stay homes for Women and Girls**

The objective is to rehabilitate those women and girls who are deprived of social support due to family problems, mental strains, social ostracism, exploitation or other causes. The scheme envisages the services/facilities *viz.* medical care, psychiatric treatment, casework services, occupation therapy, education, vocational and recreational activities and social facilities of adjustment.

(ii) **Scheme for construction/expansion of working women hostels with a day care centre**

The objective of the scheme is to provide cheap and safe hostel accommodation to employed women, widows, divorcees, separated and working women whose husbands are out of town. Women getting training for employment are also eligible to stay in the hostel. The Government funds 75% of the construction cost and 50 per cent of the land cost.

(iii) **Swadhar**

The Swadhar Scheme purports to address the specific vulnerability of each group of women in difficult circumstances through a home-based holistic and integrated approach.

Scheme for teaching through satellites

†2075. SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE:
SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Teachers Training Institute has formulated a scheme for teaching through satellite in various States;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.